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2012/201 A
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 10th and 11th plenary meetings, on 26 and 27 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Statistical Commission

The Council elected the following seven Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Barbados, Bulgaria, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Japan** and **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected the following nine Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017: **Belgium, Brazil, Chad, Denmark, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, Switzerland** and **Uruguay**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States, three members from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Eastern European States, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017.

The Council was reminded of two outstanding vacancies on the Commission: one for Asia-Pacific States and one for Latin American and Caribbean States, for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected the following 12 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017: **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Finland, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Pakistan, Poland** and **Uganda**.

The Council also elected the following members to fill outstanding vacancies on the Commission for terms beginning on the date of election: **Ukraine**, for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2015; and **Dominican Republic**, for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session, in 2013; one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016; and two members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election, with one term of office expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2015, and one term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2017: **Belarus, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Germany, Israel, Japan, Lesotho, Pakistan, Paraguay, Switzerland** and **Uganda**.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Council elected **Egypt** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Council elected the following 20 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and **United States of America**.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected the following 15 Member States for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2013) for the Commission's twenty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fourth session, in 2016: **Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Iceland, India, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Portugal, Russian Federation, Tajikistan** and **Viet Nam**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2013) for the Commission's twenty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fourth session, in 2016.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected the following 13 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Finland, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka** and **Zambia**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Eastern European States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected the following four Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Brazil, Cameroon, Libya** and **Mauritius**.

The Council also elected **Peru** and **Germany** to fill two outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States, four members from Asia-Pacific States, two members from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

The Council further postponed the election of four members from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012; and one member from African States, two members from Asia-Pacific States and eight members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected the following nine experts for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: Mohamed Ezzeldin **Abdel-Moneim** (Egypt), Jun **Cong** (China), Zdzislaw **Kedzia** (Poland), Mikel **Mancisidor** (Spain), Sergei **Martynov** (Belarus), Ariranga Govindasamy **Pillay** (Mauritius), Lydia Carmelita **Ravenberg** (Suriname), Waleed **Sa'di** (Jordan) and Nicolaas Jan **Schrijver** (Netherlands).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council elected Victoria **Tuulas** (Estonia) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Helen Kaljuläte (Estonia).

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Council elected the following 14 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Sweden** and **Thailand**.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2013: **Switzerland**, to complete the term of office of Austria (expiring on 31 December 2013); **Ireland**, to complete the term of office of Netherlands (expiring on 31 December 2013); **Israel**, to complete the term of office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (expiring on 31 December 2013); **Greece**, to complete the term of office of Japan (expiring on 31 December 2014); and **Belgium**, to complete the term of office of Spain (expiring on 31 December 2014).

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Council elected **Azerbaijan** and **Rwanda** to fill the two new seats on the Executive Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/134.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services

The Council elected the following 14 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Angola, Bulgaria, Congo, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Germany, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Lesotho, Niger, Pakistan** and **Spain**.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2013: **Netherlands**, to complete the term of office of Canada (expiring on 31 December 2013); **Ireland**, to complete the term of office of Luxembourg (expiring on 31 December 2013); **New Zealand**, to complete the term of office of Denmark (expiring on 31 December 2014); **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, to complete the term of office of Greece (expiring on 31 December 2014); and **Portugal**, to complete the term of office of Israel (expiring on 31 December 2014).

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The Council elected the following 17 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Algeria, Brazil, Djibouti, Gabon, Gambia, Ireland, Latvia, Malawi, Maldives, Philippines, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay** and **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**.

Resignation of members from the regional category, in accordance with Council resolution 2010/35

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2013: **Belgium**, to complete the term of office of Finland (expiring on 31 December 2013); **Austria**, to complete the term of office of Netherlands (expiring on 31 December 2013); and **Australia**, to complete the term of office of United States of America (expiring on 31 December 2013).

Resignation of members from the top 10 contributing countries, in accordance with paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution 64/289

The Council also elected **United States of America** for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2013, to complete the term of office of Sweden, which was resigning from its seat on the Executive Board effective 1 January 2013.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected the following five members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Iraq, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone** and **Switzerland**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from States included in List B[1] for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2013: **Spain**, to complete the term of office of Norway (expiring on 31 December 2013); and **Pakistan**, to complete the term of office of Republic of Korea (expiring on 31 December 2013).

International Narcotics Control Board

The Council elected Francisco **Thoumi** (Colombia) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 1 March 2015, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Camilo Uribe Granja (Colombia).

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected **Czech Republic** and **Grenada** for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

The Council postponed the election of three members from African States, three members from Asia-Pacific States, one member from Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

The Council elected the following nine Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Belgium, China, Guyana, Japan, Poland, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and **Zimbabwe**.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected the following 10 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Benin, China, Madagascar, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Somalia, Sri Lanka** and **Uganda**.

[1] See E/2012/9/Add.8, annex III.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Eastern European States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and five members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

The Council was reminded of five outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council: two from Eastern European States, for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015; and three from Western European and other States, for terms beginning on the date of election, with two terms expiring on 31 December 2012 and one term expiring on 31 December 2015.

Nominations

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated the following four Member States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013: **Botswana, Peru, Russian Federation** and **United Republic of Tanzania**.

The Council also nominated the following Member States to fill outstanding vacancies on the Committee for terms beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly: **Japan**, for a term expiring on 31 December 2013; and **Kazakhstan**, for a term expiring on 31 December 2014.

The Council postponed the nomination of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

The Council further postponed the nomination of four members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2014.

2012/202
Proposed date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2009/30 of 31 July 2009, decided that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would be held at Headquarters on 12 and 13 March 2012.

2012/203
Proposed date of the meeting of the Economic and Social Council on international cooperation in tax matters

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2011/23 of 27 July 2011, decided that the one-day

meeting of the Council to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, would be held at Headquarters on 15 March 2012, in conjunction with the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

2012/204
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013,[2] approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2012.[3]

2012/205
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2013

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council took note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2013.[4]

2012/206
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2012:

(a) The high-level segment would be held from Monday, 2 July, through Monday, 9 July;

(b) The coordination segment would be held from Tuesday, 10 July, through Thursday, 12 July;

(c) The operational activities segment would be held from Friday, 13 July, through Tuesday, 17 July;

(d) The informal joint event of the operational activities and humanitarian affairs segments on the issue of the transition from relief to development[5] would be held on the morning of Wednesday, 18 July;

[2] E/2012/1.
[3] Ibid., sect. I.
[4] Ibid., sect. II.
[5] General Assembly resolution 58/114, para. 6.

(e) The humanitarian affairs segment would be held from the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 July, through Friday, 20 July;

(f) The general segment would be held from Monday, 23 July, through the morning of Friday, 27 July;

(g) The work of the 2012 substantive session of the Council would conclude on Friday afternoon, 27 July.

2012/207
Theme for the thematic discussion of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012 would be "Macroeconomic policies for productive capacity, employment creation, sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in pursuit of poverty eradication".

2012/208
Operational activities segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2012 should be devoted to preparations for the General Assembly quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 and Council resolution 2011/7 of 18 July 2011.

2012/209
Venue and dates of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 7 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2011/251 of 27 July 2011, by which it had approved the provisional agenda, venue and dates of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, and taking note of the request of the secretariat for a change in dates of the meetings, decided that:

(a) The Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names would be held at Headquarters from 31 July to 9 August 2012;

(b) The twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names would be held at Headquarters on 30 July and 10 August 2012.

2012/210
Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of its substantive session of 2012 would be "Regional perspectives on youth and development".

2012/211
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2012

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Council in 2012 would be "Working in partnership to strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance in a changing world";

(b) That it would convene two panels, the topics of which would be:

(i) "Improving capacities for evidence-based humanitarian decision-making";

(ii) "Partnerships for effective humanitarian assistance in support of national, regional and international efforts".

2012/212
Economic and Social Council event to discuss the transition from relief to development

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 26 April 2012, the Economic and Social Council decided, with regard to the event to discuss the transition from relief to development, that:

(a) The title of the event would be "Humanitarian needs in the Sahel and the importance of building resilience";

(b) The event would be an informal activity held on the morning of 18 July 2012;

(c) The event would consist of one panel discussion, and there would be no negotiated outcome.